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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

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SIR:

In response to the Requirement For Information sent along with the Official Action dated May 31, 2007, Applicants supply the following answers to the questions posed in the outstanding Official Action. For clarity, the questions are repeated.

Question 1) Did the Japanese Patent Office make any rejections in Japan 2002-292621 filed October 4, 2002? If so, submit a copy of each rejection.

Answer to Question 1) No.

Question 2) Did the Japanese Patent Office make any rejections in Japan 2003-103115, filed April 7, 2003. If so, submit a copy of each rejection.

Answer to Question 2) No.

Question 3a) Has the applicant or the assignee filed any applications in any country (other than the United States) that claim priority to Japan 2002-292621 or to Japan 2003-103115 or to both?

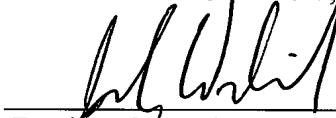
Answer to Question 3a) Yes.

Question 3b) If so, have any rejections or search reports been made? If so please submit a copy of each rejection and each search report that has been made.

Answer to Question 3b) Yes. Attached hereto are: Notification of First Office Action (from China with an English translation); Notification of Second Office Action (from China with an English translation); Notification of Third Office Action (from China with an English translation); Notification to Grant the Patent Right (from China with an English translation); and a European Search Report.

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